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ATTN OF: Office of Environmental Policy and Guidance:Banicki:65193

SUBJECT: Final Rule Providing Public Access to Off-Site Consequence Analysis (OCA) Information Collected Under Section 112 (r)(7) of the Clean Air Act as Part of the Risk Management Program

TO: Distribution

EH-412 has been routinely distributing material on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Federal Register (FR) notices not otherwise transmitted to program and field offices in order to make the Department of Energy complex aware of information that may be of relevance to its operations. What follows is a summary of a recent EPA final rule, effective August 4, 2000, that provides for access to information concerning the potential off-site consequences of hypothetical accidental releases from industrial facilities.

Final Rule: Accidental Release Prevention Requirements; Risk Management Programs Under the Clean Air Act Section 112 (r)(7); Distribution of Off-Site Consequence Analysis Information. (FR Volume 65, Number 48, August 4, 2000).

Under Section 112 (r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), facilities handling large quantities of extremely hazardous chemicals are required to include that information in a risk management plan (RMP) submitted to EPA. As required by the Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act (CSISSFRRRA), this final rule provides members of the public and government officials with access to that information in ways designed to minimize the likelihood of accidental releases, the risk to national security associated with posting the information on the Internet, and the likelihood of harm to public health and welfare. This rule was originally published in the Federal Register as a proposed rule on April 27, 2000 ([65 FR 24834](#)).

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